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Fire Department Makes Six Promotions; One New Hire

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(August 4, 2005- TROY)- Mayor Harry J Tutunjian announced that the City of Troy promoted six firefighters Thursday morning in City Council chambers. The department also hired one new firefighter.

Lieutenants David Stevens, Gary Frenet, and David Paul were each promoted to Captain. Firefighters/paramedics Scott Savaria, Robert Sleicher, and Richard Cellucci were each promoted to Lieutenant.

"All of these men have made great sacrifices to the City of Troy and served the people well," Tutunjian said. "We are proud of each and every person that serves in our fire department and are confident that these six men will provide great leadership to the rest of the firefighters."

Fire Chief Tom Garrett concurred with Tutunjian, saying that he has known all of the men promoted since they were first hired by the City.

"This is a good group of men that are the essence of what firefighters should be," Garrett said. "I am proud to have worked with each and every one of them, and look forward to working more closely with them in their new capacities."

The City also hired Ray Littlejohn on Thursday to become a firefighter. Littlejohn will now take part in training before joining the department.

Also on Thursday, firefighter Wilbur O'Mearea retired after 30 years of distinguished service, and Captain Paul Barringer was honored with commendation for heroic work in saving a distraught individual threatening to their life.

To set up an interview with any of the men promoted, please contact Chief Garrett at 270-4664.